



# EMS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT / EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE REVIEW / RESEARCH PAPER SUBMISSION CRITERIA

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## ABSTRACT

Each submission should contain a 150-300 word summary that outlines the brief purpose behind the data collection, research project in general, and may include a key objective behind the project’s purpose. A brief conclusion, or summary of the resulting data should also be included in this section in order to complete the snap shot of the entire submission.

## PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

This portion of the body should act as an introduction into the background and/or intent behind why data was gathered as a part of this research, quality improvement, or evidence-based practice project (for simplicity, we are referring to all projects as “research” projects). Objectives should also be outlined in this section either in sentence or bullet format.

For editing ease, it is preferred that works be submitted in Times New Roman, size 10 font. Single-spaced paragraphs using a No Spacing style within Word documents are also preferred, as well as single spaces provided after punctuation marks. Indentation for new paragraphs is also discouraged, as all text will be re-aligned to left alignment, with a space provided between each paragraph. Upwards of approximately 1500 words will be permitted for each submission.

## DATA MANAGEMENT

This section should outline how data was obtained, tracked, and charted. Timeframes and other references to data collection time periods should also be referenced here.

## FINDINGS & RESULTS

This section will likely be the largest portion of the body of the submission. Data may be presented in the form of charts, graphs, or other forms of reference.

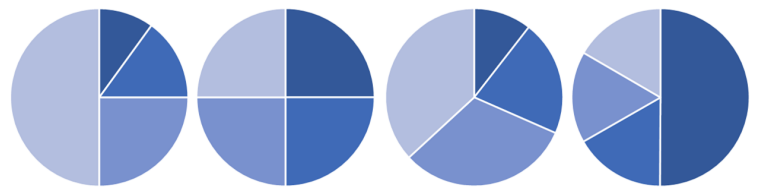
Attention should be made to column widths, as it is preferred to keep any provided charts or data references within the confines of this example paragraph, which is less than four inches in width (total). Keeping to the designated font size and style is also preferred; a minimum of size 8 font is allowed in charts or graphs, but not within the actual content/body of the submission. The use of bold, italics, and capital text is allowed to show differences in data sets and titles.

The use of color should be limited, and may be changed to best align with printing & design requirements. Standard blue and gray colors are preferred by this publication.

Below is a provided chart referencing the aforementioned recommendations.

	RESULTS FROM TRIAL			
DATA SET:	TRIAL-I	TRIAL-II	TRIAL-III	TRIAL-IV
A	100%	97%	83%	94%
B	5.5	7.3	6.4	8.9
C	True	False	Positive	Negative

Here’s even some colorful pie charts that are appropriate for this submission.



## CONCLUSIONS & PROCESS CHANGES

This portion of the research paper should outline if original objectives were met, if hypothesis were correct, and if any conclusions could be made from the resulting data.

In addition, any resulting protocol and/or process changes should be highlighted in order to provide readers with practical applications that can be utilized as a result of the gathered data.

## REFERENCES

For the sake of space, referencing within the body of the paper should be performed via superscripting. Submitted drafts may be composed as demonstrated by [1]. This, interne, will be edited/ converted to the following.<sup>[1]</sup> References will then be shown as follows (and our editorial team will gladly make such edits):

[1] [www.emsdirector.com](http://www.emsdirector.com)

## EDITORIAL NOTES:

While professional, IRB-grade, double-blind research is greatly appreciated within the EMS profession - and is certainly welcome in this publication (EMSDIRECTOR) - it is not a requirement.

The intent of this featured section is to promote research in EMS ... not to discourage it by high-acuity terminology or statistical analysis grading processes. Again, work containing such components will be considered for publication, as will basic and simplistic work that is easy to follow, and serves a purpose.

This publication’s purpose is to promote professional development (and research) in our profession. We want to encourage others to tackle research projects, gather data, and then disseminate that data into meaningful conclusions. We want to encourage - not discourage - the management of data ... and we appreciate your support and submissions in the process!

Please feel free to refer any questions and/or submissions to us for review. Additional information can also be found on our website.

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